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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

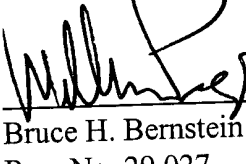
Takeshi MASAKI, "Micro Electro Discharge Machining Technologies", National Technical Report, Vol. 39, No. 5, Oct. 1993, which is discussed on pages 1-2 of Applicants' specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above material. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
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